

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended for clarification, while claims 8-10 have been withdrawn. No changes have been made to the remaining claims. Figure 7 and portions of the specification have been amended for consistency. No new subject matter is believed to have been added by this Amendment.

The Examiner in the Office Action dated November 26, 2004 indicates that the subject application is drawn to more than one invention and, in particular, that Group I claims consisting of claims 1-7 are drawn to headboard for a bed, while Group II claims consisting of claims 8-10 are drawn to a method for supporting a roller in a headboard for moving a patient.

The Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-7 with traverse for examination.

The Examiner in the Office Action indicates that the Group I claims would require a search in Class 5, subclass 53.1, while the Group II claims would require a search in Class 5, subclass 81.1R. As indicated by the Examiner, each Group I and Group II claims may be searched in Class 5, although difference subclasses. The fact that both of these Groups may be searched in a single class support the Applicant's belief that they should remain in a single application because, first of all, the method claim is essentially a method for using the apparatus claim and, second of all, the further effort put forth by the Examiner in Examining the claims in both of these Groups is believed to be minimal. Therefore, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdrawn the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-10.

In the event the Examiner maintains this restriction requirement, then the Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application upon the unexamined claims or, in the alternative, amend the application so that if and when allowable subject matter is defined, these unelected claims may be included as dependent claims upon what would be an allowable independent claim.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the number 252 occurs twice in Figure 7. Drawing sheet No. 3, which includes Figure 7 has been modified to eliminate one occurrence of the reference no. 252. The Examiner furthermore indicates that, in paragraph [0027] of the specification, the term "α" is used but is not illustrated anywhere

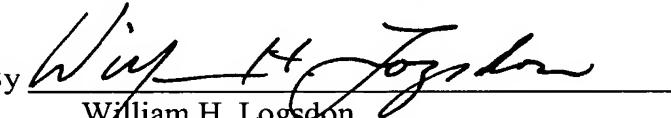
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on the figures. The text of paragraph [0027] has been amended to specify that the term “ α ” should actually be “X”. Finally, the Examiner indicates that reference no. 258 in paragraph [0029] is used in the text to identify two separate parts. Please note that the text of paragraph [0030] has been amended to rename base 258 to base 260.

Reinstatement of claims 8-10 and examination and allowance of claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 7. This sheet, which includes Figures 5, 6 and 7, replaces the original sheet including Figures 5, 6 and 7. One occurrence of reference no. 252 has been deleted while reference 260 has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Copy Showing Changes

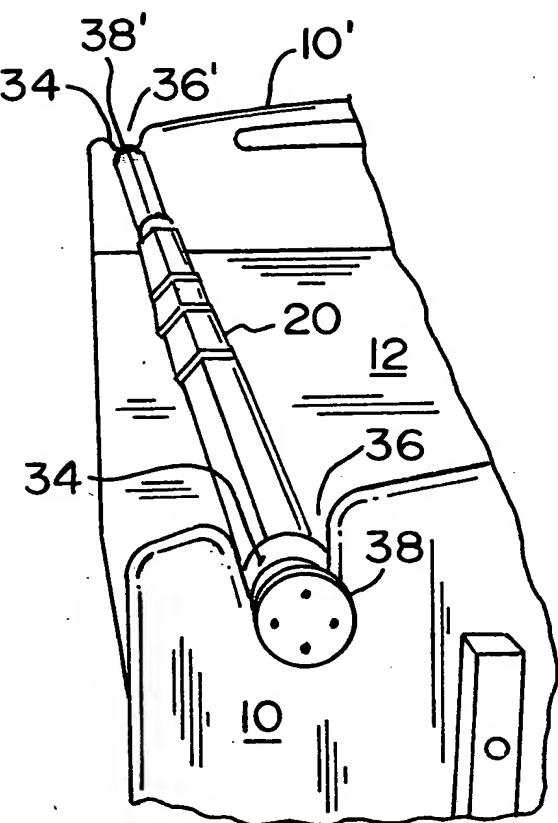


FIG. 5 Add

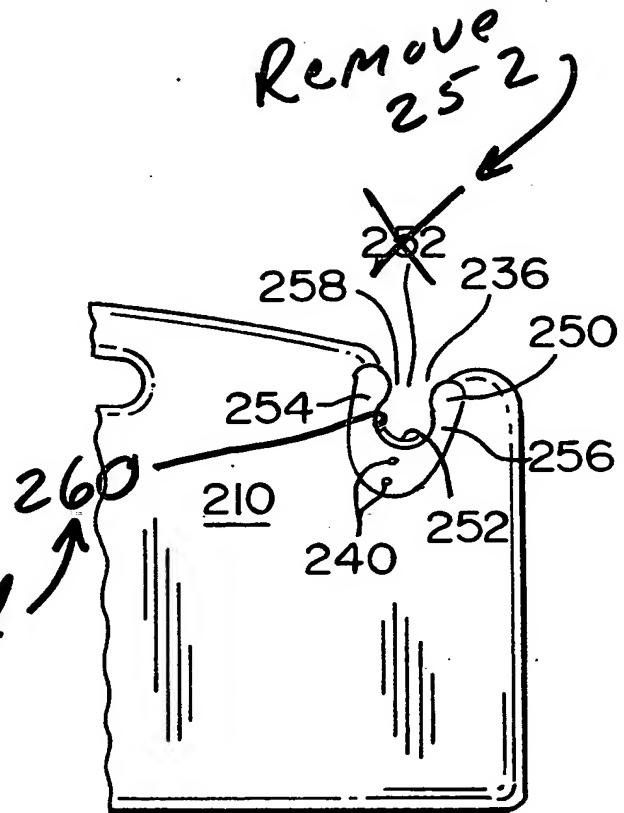


FIG. 7

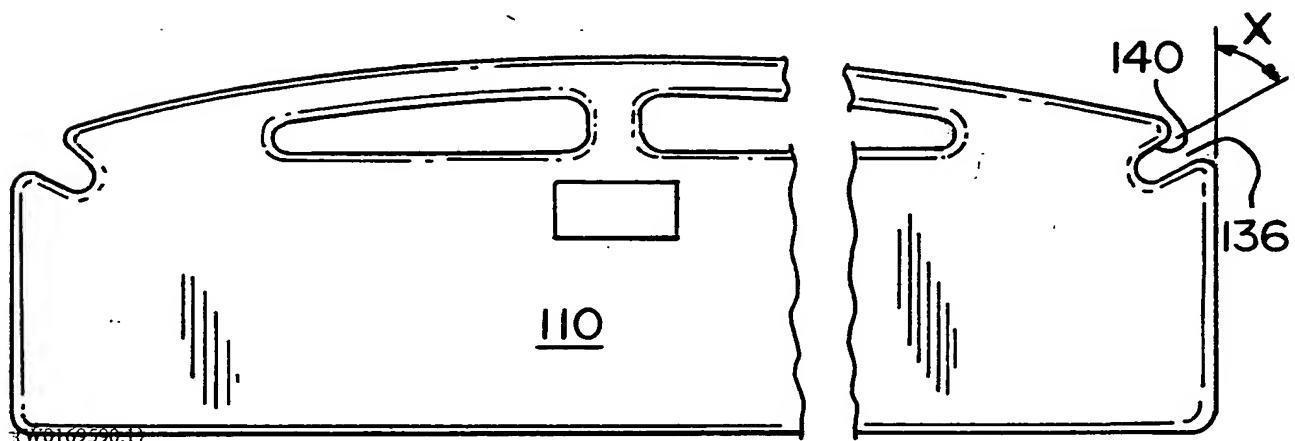


FIG. 6